

# Darien

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Stamford Labor Market Area  
Southwestern Economic Dev. Region  
South Western Planning Area

Incorporated in 1820

### Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	18,966	807,143	3,107,580	White	17,038	636,147	2,648,212
1990	18,196	827,645	3,287,116	Black	73	82,879	274,213
1998	18,152	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	579	25,592	73,304
2003	18,217	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	8	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	0.36%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	10	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	444	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	12.85	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.91%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,412.61	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$75,165	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	6,384	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,876	15.1%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	40.2	38.1	37.2	Some College	2,433	19.6%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	7,435	59.8%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	648 7%	1,716 20%	591 7%	3,010 34%	1,688 19%	1,101 13%	8,754
Female	650 7%	1,606 17%	666 7%	3,259 35%	1,722 18%	1,495 16%	9,398
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	36	2.9%	170	2.0%	The Wee Burn Country Club, Inc.	\$13,697,240	0.49%
Const. and Mining	132	10.6%	467	5.4%	Goodwives Center LTD Partnership	\$10,105,400	0.36%
Manufacturing	62	5.0%	514	6.0%	Country Club of Darien, Inc.	\$9,511,270	0.34%
Trans. And Utilities	42	3.4%	417	4.8%	Woodway Country Club	\$9,275,900	0.33%
Trade	279	22.4%	2,135	24.8%	Zotos International Inc.	\$7,719,400	0.28%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	140	11.3%	1,066	12.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$2,800,800,253	
Services	545	43.8%	3,612	42.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	8	0.6%	229	2.7%	Air Express International Corp.	Nawas Int'l Travel Service Inc.	
Total	1,244	100.0%	8,610	100.0%	Brink's Inc.	Longer Life Products Inc.	
					Labatt USA Inc.		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$272,287,000	\$30,837,967,729

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	3,269	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$9,515	\$8,300		Reading	80 55	74 60	78 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$53,981	\$48,598		Math	80 59	73 52	83 51		
Students Attending Public School	86.2%	89.2%		Writing	68 46	66 46	79 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.1	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	94.5%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	0.0%	4.6%		Verbal		565	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		556	499		
Kindergarten 20.5	Grade 2 21.1								
Grade 5 18.7	Grade 7 19.0	High School 18.6							



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### Government

Government Form	Selectman- Representative Town Meeti	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,307,306
		As % of Expenditures	5.0%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$46,615,663	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$4,275,695,342
Tax Revenue	\$40,811,375	Per Capita	\$221,872
Non-tax Revenue	\$3,763,289	As % of State Average	284.6%
Intergovernmental	\$2,040,999	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/88
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$2,098	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aaa
As % of State Average	147.4%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	16.13
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	9.47
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	9.1%

### Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	6,812	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	94.3%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	5	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	27	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	21	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.40%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	54	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	9	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	85	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	428	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	263	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$643,188	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$490,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	5,491	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	48.2%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	128	30,502	148,930

### Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	9,616	446,996	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	9,416	427,779	1,635,400	1. Darien	1736	New York 2520
Unemployed	200	19,217	87,900	2. Norwalk	1601	Stamford 1930
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Stamford	1388	Darien 1736
Total Employment	8,090	411,650	1,581,700	4. New York	473	Norwalk 579
Manufacturing	180	75,610	265,850	5. Bridgeport	280	Greenwich 485
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-0.6%	5.7%	4.3%	6. New Canaan	253	New Canaan 227
Daytime Population	8,510	472,065	1,740,247	7. Greenwich	225	New Jersey 161
				8. Fairfield	173	Westport 105
				9. Stratford	171	Fairfield 74
				10. Trumbull	133	Bridgeport 74

### Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	8	1,378	Total Volumes	145,467	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	5	756	Circulation Per Capita	25.2	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	8	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	1.073	0.099	Hartford	64	Yankee Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	155	1-800-989-0900
Per 1,000 Residents	18.0	40	New York City	36	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	32.0%	68.8%	Providence	119	Connecticut American Water Company
					203-869-5200
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cablevision of CT
					203-348-9211